Medium of instruction in Kendriya Vidyalaya

383. SHRI R PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being contemplated by Government to ensure that education is also imparted in English medium in Kendriya Vidyalayas along with Hindi medium;

(b) whether there is a provision for a separate section for those who intend to take education in English medium in Kendriya Vidyalayas imparting education in Hindi medium; and

(c) how does a Principal of K.V decide upon the medium of instruction for the school; has the principal of K.V, IN A taken the choice of students as to the medium of instruction in the school; if so, how and if not, why?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b)The medium of instruction in Kendriya Vidyalayas is English in all subjects except social studies, which is being taught in Hindi medium. It has also been decided to give option to the students to study Social Studies through English medium if at least 20 students are available. Children wanting to study Social Studies in Hindi would continue to be taught through Hindi medium.

(c) Kendriya Vidyalayas decide the medium of instruction for the schools by obtaining the options from the children. Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya INA took the choice of the children through the class teachers for opting English medium for Social Studies.

Financial assistance to States for Mid-Day Meal Scheme

384. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allocate 100 per cent financial assistance to State Governments for Mid-Day Meal Scheme for children in all schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?